



## Lincoln County Deer Farm Confirmed with CWD

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) confirms that a Lincoln County deer farm has tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD). The samples were confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.

The positive result came from a 5-year-old white-tailed buck. The farm has been placed under quarantine, where it will remain while DATCP and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarians and staff conduct the epidemiological investigation.

CWD is a fatal, neurological disease of deer, elk and moose caused by an infectious protein called a prion that affects the animal's brain, and testing for CWD is typically only performed after the animal's death. DATCP regulates deer farms for registration, recordkeeping, disease testing, movement, and permit requirements.

### More information

- About CWD: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/ChronicWastingDisease.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ChronicWastingDisease.aspx)
- About DATCP's farm-raised deer program: [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/FarmRaisedDeer.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FarmRaisedDeer.aspx)

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